

**RE: Strongly OPPOSE: HB-6825Community Investment Account -
Open Space/Farmland Preservation Funding**

Hello:

**We are writing to express our strong opposition to the following.
Please adhere to the intent of the Community Investment Account.**

**Many have paid into this account and it must remain true to its
purpose.**

**The Community Investment Account provides assistance to so many
communities in its efforts toward appropriate preservation – and
development.**

We have benefited greatly (please see the projects listed below).

**Simply, let a good program continue to do its good work for the
residents of Connecticut. It works!**

Thank you.

**Susan Bransfield
First Selectwoman
Town of Portland**

Portland \$170,500

Recipient Amount Matching Agency

Trinity Episcopal Church	\$85,000	CCT - Restoration
Town of Portland	\$50,000	VCI/ CT TRUST
Gotta's Farm	\$35,500	

For more information: <http://www.communityinvestmentact.org/my-town.html>

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PUBLIC HEARING -

Appropriations Committee

Tuesday, April 21, 2:00 PM in Room 2C of the LOB or email testimony to APPtestimony@cga.ct.gov

HB-6825 - AN ACT MAKING DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATIONS AND ADDRESSING THE DEFICIT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2015 - Includes provisions which sweep \$15,200,000 from the Community Investment Account, including \$10 million from funding for municipal open space grants; \$5,100,000 from the Historic Preservation grant program and \$100,000 from the CT Food Policy Council.